

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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Smuggling of Goods
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether fake products/counterfeit consumer goods are being smuggled from foreign countries to India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is suffering financial losses due to smuggling of fake products/goods in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken/ proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The Customs department has booked 118 cases of smuggling of fake products/counterfeit consumer goods in the country and action against the perpetrators has been taken under the Customs Act, 1962.
- (c) & (d) No such study has been undertaken by the Government.
- (e) In order to curb smuggling of fake products/counterfeit consumer goods, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) of CBEC has been issuing Alert/modus operandi circulars from time to time. Strict vigil is kept by Customs formations to thwart any attempt of such smuggling. On detection of cases, action is taken under the provisions of Customs Act, 1962.